Dearness Allowance to Public Sector Employees

1333. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to resolve the long-pending issue of dearness allowance for public sector employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be resolved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). Government have appointed, in September, 1988, a Tripartite Committee, consisting of representatives of Government of India, Central Trade Union Organisations and Public Sector Enterprises to review the formula for payment of dearness allowance to the employees of the Central Public Sector Enterprises governed by the Industrial Dearness Allowance Formula. The term of the Committee has been extended upto 31.3.1992.

Autonomy to Panchayats

1334. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to give full autonomy to the Panchayats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have also received any memorandum from the Government of Rajasthan in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b). The Constitution (Seventy-Second Amendment) Bill, 1991 for strengthening of Panchayati Raj Administration in the country was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 16.9.91. The Bill has been referred to a Joint Committee of Parliament.

(c) and (d). The Government of India have not received any memorandum in this regard from the Government of Rajasthan. However, the Government of Rajasthan have submitted a memorandum to the Joint Committee of Parliament, which the Committee may consider for appropriate action.

[*Translation*]

Gorakhapur Fertilizer Plant

1335. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:
SHRI ASHTBHUJA PRASAD SHUKLA:
SHRI BALARAJ PASSI:
SHRI RAMPAL SINGH:
SHRI ACHARYA VISHWANATH DAS SHASTRI:
SHRI RAJENDERA KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the fertilizer Plant in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh has been lying closed for the last more than one year;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the health survey of the plant to reopen it has since been carried out;